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SUBJ: CSCE: TIMING AND LEVEL OF THIRD PHASE

1. FRG DELEGATION HEAD (BRUNNER), WHO WAS PRESENT
AT FOREIGN MINISTER SCHEEL'S MEETING WITH SECRETARY
KISSINGER, HAS DEBRIEFED EC-NINE DELEGATIONS ON
FRG VERSION OF THE SECRETARY'S VIEWS ON PHASE III.
ACCORDING TO GERMAN INTERPRETATION, THE SECRETARY SUGGESTED
PHASE III SHOULD BE HELD AT HIGHEST LEVEL IN SEPTEMBER
AND SCHEEL AGREED.

2. WESTERN DELEGATIONS HERE HAVE PRESSED US FOR
EXPLANATION OF US POSITION ON THIS POINT, RELATING
THEIR INTEREST TO RECENT PRESS REPORTS ON THE
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POSSIBILITY OF A THIRD PHASE SUMMIT. US POSITION

IS ALSO IMPORTANT SINCE, AFTER SCHEEL'S MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY, THE FRG APPARENTLY INSISTED ON DELETING REFERENCE TO PHASE III TIMING IN THE NINE'S REPORT ON CSCE.

3. WE ARE IN AWKWARD POSITION BECAUSE WE HAVE NO HARD INFORMATION ON THE SECREARY'S TALK WITH SCHEEL AND THUS CANNOT PROVIDE ALLIES WITH US VERSION OF DISCUSSIONS HELD OR WITH ANY INDICATION OF OUR THINKING ON THIRD PHASE TIMING. WE ANTICIPATE THAT SOVIETS WILL SOON LEARN FRG SIDE OF THIS STORY AND WILL QUESTION US CLOSELY ON US VIEWS. WE WOULD THEREFORE APPRECIATE BEING FULLY INFORMED ON THIS SUBJECT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
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